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In re Application of:

NERI et al.

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CONSTRUCTION AND USE

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated February 25, 2002, applicant respectfully submits that a response to the final office action dated August 14, 2002 was timely filed along with a petition for a 3-month extension of time (copy enclosed), as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the PTO date stamped post card.

Respectfully submitted,

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